

Serial No. 10/077,101
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. In summary, claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 15. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by virtue of this amendment.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3-13, 18-27 are allowable.

Applicants neglected to amend claim 17 to depend in claim 15 when they cancelled claim 16 without prejudice. This amendment corrects that obvious but inadvertent oversight.

Applicants apologize for the error.

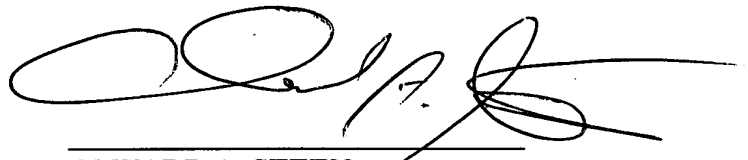
In the event the Examiner believes after consideration of this response that the prosecution may be expedited by an interview with an authorized representative of the applicants, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (201) 328-4853.

Respectfully submitted,

10/24/01

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